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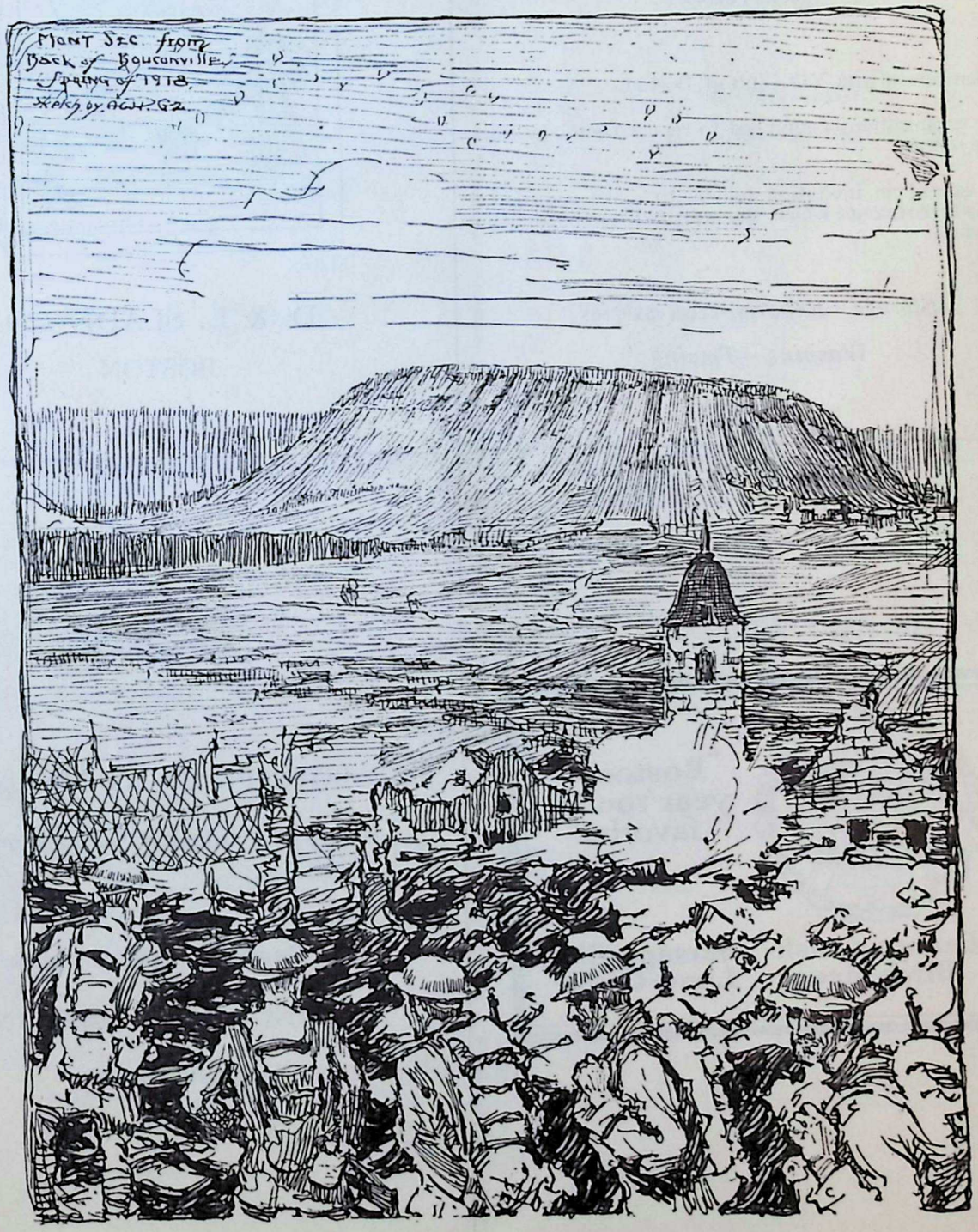

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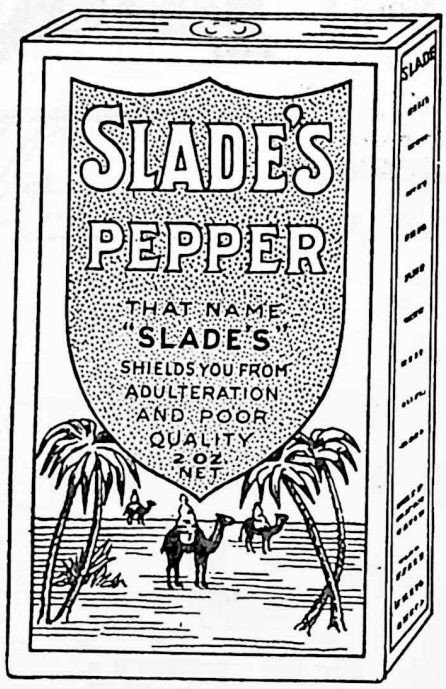

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Among the freak ideas which DOINGS is asked to pass judgment on, there comes an occasional bright one. That is the case with this suggestion of Ralph Eastman's. It's too good to pass up.

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VERY LIGHT VERSE

By Fuller P. Nard

Listen, my children, and treat your ear
To this '75 salvo on Paul Revere.

From a meeting-house steeple below Scollay Square
Some wisehimer shot up a Very-light flare.

The subway for Paul! Put his dime in the churn;
Was clocked at North Station with minutes to burn.

He hung from a strap in a cargo of wops
And safely eluded the Charl-es-town cops.

The owl car to Medford bulged out like a drum
(The town, in that era, was H. Q. for rum.)

But Paul didn't linger with this thirsty throng;
He tarried not here,—that is, not long.

He jitneyed to Lexington Green, where the bus
Was brought to a stop by a blood-curdling cuss.

The night air was blue as Colonial laws:
The driver had side-swiped the grandsire of Dawes!

"Helen Maria, Paul, speed up this muster!
Step on the Socony; don't filibuster!

"The party is flooey if one of us shirks;
One low-life dumb-bell can gum the whole works!"

—FULLER

BOSTON CLUB JUBILEE

This issue of DOINGS has been speeded through the presses and into the mails several days ahead of schedule in order that there may be no doubts, misgivings nor uncertainties regarding the Fifth Anniversary Jubilee of the YD Club of Boston.

The date is Wednesday, April 15, 8 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. An array of talent such as has never before graced a YD function has been secured. All veterans of the Yankee Division have been invited. The program will be broadcast through Stations W.N.A.C. and W.E.A.N., The Shepard Stores, Boston and Providence. The Memorial Hall of the Clubhouse will probably not begin to accommodate the crowd, but a loud-speaker has been installed in the game room and another may be placed over the front entrance of the building to pacify the overflow in the street.

Motto for the day: If you can't sit in—listen in.

Which settles all but one question, to wit: What *is* a *Jubilee*, anyhow?

Ah,—but that's the secret.

"It ain't the guns nor armament
Nor the army as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork
Of *every* blooming soul."

CORRECTION

DOINGS is ever a stickler for accuracy.

Our pages have carried sundry references to Liz, the Boston Club cat. We acted in good faith, and upon authority believed reliable. But whispers and rumors have persisted, and the opinion gains strength that things are not what they seem,—bluntly, that "Liz" is a misnomer,—that she's simply not that kind of kitten.

Each side of the controversy has its able exponents. In due season the issue will be brought before the Forum for debate and decision. Meanwhile, neutrality must be our policy, and we apologize for having already taken too much for granted.

HONORABLE MENTION

Our Washington correspondent submits the following excerpts from the Roosevelt-Lodge letters, which should be of interest to 26th Division men.

OFFICE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, November 27, 1918.

Dear Cabot:

Is it not possible to have a demand made for the casualties to be published by divisions, brigades and regiments; at least let them be published by divisions? My information is that the New England and Pennsylvania divisions suffered very heavily and that there has been a deliberate purpose to prevent the assembling of data of their losses.

Ever yours,

T. R.

December 2, 1918.

My dear Theodore:

Thanks for your note. There is no question about the losses of the Pennsylvania and New England Divisions. The Pennsylvania I think is the heaviest of all. I saw Edwards while he was here. He, by the way, had led his division very splendidly and has had every brigadier-general below him passed over his head. He should be a Major General in the Regular Army, but was one of those sent home as soon as the victory was won. He has the misfortune of being a friend of Taft, and one of your friends, and also of coming from Cleveland, the home of Baker. The New England Division, he told me, was fighting from February 1st on to the end. It never was in a rest camp in all that time and I know there have been ten or twelve thousand replacement troops in the division. The Committee on Military Affairs has this matter of the casualties before them now and I think they will go into it thoroughly.

With best regards, ever yours,

H. C. L.

OFFICE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, December 6, 1918.

Dear Cabot:

Your letter of December 2d is most interesting. General Edwards has made good in most emphatic fashion. My belief is that the New England and Pennsylvania divisions had an aggregate of casualties that is astounding, and it would emphasize in the sharpest way the extraordinary qualities of their fighting.

Faithfully,

T. R.

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

There was only one sad feature of the convention this year, and we might as well unload it first of all. Our old friend Doc Lynch, the genial vet. from Portland, was unable to attend. We missed him. Furthermore, we missed his tobacco pouch. Now we'll have to keep on *buying* our own pipe fuel.

Reports, motions and votes ticked off with the regularity of clockwork and dignity worthy of the Supreme Court up to the moment that Retiring President Twombly passed over the gavel to President Eastman. The induction into office was effected simply and gracefully with the potent words of the time honored ritual: "Sergeant-Major, carry on!" Whereupon one of the delegates jumped to his feet clamoring wildly for recognition. This granted, the delegate pointed an accusing finger at the new President and inquired of the Secretary, in ringing tones, "Who's that on the the hoss?" And the Secretary vouchsafed the information. "That's the sergeant-major!" All the delegates in solemn convention assembled arose as one man and shouted the retort obvious (and discourteous).

The appointments of the hall gave evidence that the Convention Committee had overlooked no detail. The President was provided with a capacious, plush covered throne, upon—or rather within—which he sat with such alarming persistency as to give rise to the remark that he was Chairman literally as well as officially.

The attendance of the delegates was unquestionably actuated solely by a passionate craving to wrestle with the solemn and weighty business of the Convention. There may have been those who sensed the denoument of a feature of supreme historical importance. Our own generation, lacking the canonizing power of time and perspective, can but inadequately appraise that event. But one hundred, nay, one thousand years from today it will be familiar alike to school child and to statesman, it will enrich our country's history and our national literature. We refer, of course. to George Washington's Farewell Address.

A quaint and graceful custom—as old as conventions themselves—is the bestowal, by delegates from outlying sectors, of samples of the delicacies for which their respective localities are famous. Thus the YD Club of Boston, after the business session, feasted the visiting delegates with plate after plate of Brown Beauties,—especially appropriate on a Saturday night. One other Chapter adhered to the time-honored custom: The YD Club of Washington shipped to the convention, with its compliments, a bulging crate of that city's most abundant crop, Proposed Legislation. This afforded indeed food for thought, and was thoroughly digested by the convention.

Of all possible choices for the office of President of the Association, none could be more sagacious, more merited or more universally popular than that of Ralph Eastman. But ne'er the rose without the thorn. The editorial staff of this discriminating organ already perceives a shadow across its path,— for now we shall probably *have* to print "Only A Volunteer."

North of Verdun

By Judson Hannigan

(Note.—Through a special arrangement with Major Hannigan, formerly adjutant of the 51st Infantry Brigade, DOINGS is able to give its readers this complete and authoritative account of the operations of that Brigade during the period from October 21 to 28, 1918. This article will be published in several installments, and it is suggested that the readers preserve the numbers wherein it appears, as it forms a valuable contribution to the history of the Division.)

One of the outstanding chapters in the history of the Division, which is distinguished by unusual brilliancy, was the operations of the 51st Infantry Brigade north of Verdun, from October 21st to October 28th. No units of the Division at any time in the war suffered more intensely nor gave more unselfishly than did the units engaged in this operation. If the operation had faults, they were the faults not of the men and officers who sought to carry out the orders they received, but rather the faults and misconceptions of those from whom the orders originally came. The story here presented was written directly after the operation, and was used by the late Brigadier General George H. Shelton, in a lecture to the field officers of the Division, shortly after the Armistice. If those who read this narrative disagree with it, let them remember that it does not pretend to be a story of what any one organization did, but rather a composite report of what was done by all. I have heard General Shelton say many times to many people that, regardless of any criticisms or any adverse comments which were made upon the conduct of this brigade by persons who were not present at the operation, and who did not know of the difficulties presented, that he considered it the crowning point of his life to have commanded an organization which could and did do what that brigade did during those seven days.

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When the 51st Infantry Brigade left its position in reserve in Verdun on October 16th to take up its position in the sector "Flabas," north of Verdun, relieving elements of the 18th Division (French) and the 29th Division (American) as part of the 17th French Corps, General Shelton was sent to a hospital seriously ill, and Colonel Hiram I. Bearss, U. S. Marines, took command of the Brigade. Much of what subsequently happened must be laid to General Shelton's absence.

Units of this corps had attacked on October 8th to take the heights between the Thinte and the Meuse Rivers, and had succeeded in penetrating the enemy's outpost line to a depth of about three kilometers, but had been stopped by resistance from the Bois de Molleville, Bois d'Ormont and Bois de Haumont. That attack had been part of the operations of the First Army (American) which began September 26th on the west bank of the Meuse,—operations which had as their purpose the breaking of the enemy's line at this critical point.

In considering the portion of the line assigned to the 51st Infantry Brigade it should be borne in mind that this front had been one of the enemy's lines of resistance north of Verdun since the successful French attacks of June, 1916, and it was therefore particularly well organized.

General Orders 232, 1918, A.E.F., says: "It was a position of imposing natural strength, stretching on both sides of the river from the bitterly contested hills of Verdun to the almost impenetrable forest of the Argonne; a position, moreover, fortified by four years of labor designed to render it impregnable; a position held by the fullest resources of the enemy."

The relief was completed and the command passed to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade on the morning of October 18 at 8 o'clock. The sector taken over had not been organized for defence and no effort had been made to prepare it as a strong point from which to attack. Work was immediately begun to strengthen the position both offensively and defensively. This work was still in progress when advance information was received that an attack in conjunction with the 29th Division would take place on D Day.

SPECIAL SITUATION

The Brigade line ran from the southern tip of Houppy Bois along the slopes north of Bois de la Reine, south across the Bois d'Ormont, two hundred meters west of the summit of Hill 360 to the southern edge of the wood. The position was held with two battalions of the 102d Infantry in line and one battalion in support. A machine gun company was attached to each battalion. The 101st Infantry was in Division reserve in the vicinity of Samogneux, Cote de Talou, and Ravine d'Avemont. Field Orders 92, Headquarters 26th Division, October 21, 10 o'clock, gave as the object of the attack: "To gain possession of the ridges of the Meuse between Pylon d'Etrayes and Bois Belieu exclusive." The means to be employed were: 101st Infantry, 101st Machine Gun Battalion, 102d Machine Gun Battalion, 37 mm. and Stokes Mortar Platoon, 102d Infantry, Company F, 1st Gas Regiment, Detachment 101st Field Signal Battalion, 102d Field Ambulance Company, 281st Aero Squadron, Balloon No. 25, and 51st Field Artillery Brigade.

The 101st Infantry was in position about eight kilometers from the attacking point. It had at this time 73 officers and 2,918 men, divided as follows: 1st Battalion, 17 officers, 749 men; 2d Battalion, 16 officers, 801 men; 3d Battalion, 18 officers, 804 men; 102d Machine Gun Battalion, 15 officers, 640 men.

The 37 Millimeter Platoon of the 101st Infantry had but two guns and the Stokes Mortar Platoon of the same regiment had no mortars, so that it was necessary to borrow the Stokes platoon from the 104th Infantry of the 52d Infantry Brigade.

Little is known concerning Company F of the 1st Gas Regiment. Its commanding officer reported to the Brigade Commander and received his instructions, but this company never took any part in the attack and its officers were not seen again in the Brigade area until the attack had

stopped. They demanded a carrying party of three hundred men and, when these were refused, they apparently decided that if they could not get others to do their work, they would not do it themselves.

The detachment of the 101st Field Signal Battalion was composed of wireless and telephone men.

The 281st Aero squadron was a squadron of a French flier, who was an enlisted man and his plane was of inferior quality. The unfortunate "squadron" was killed early in the fight. As far as the Brigade was concerned, nothing was ever heard from Balloon No. 25.

The 51st Field Artillery Brigade was able to render support with the 101st and 103d Regiments, but the 102d Regiment was supporting the 52d Infantry Brigade and could render practically no assistance to this Brigade.

The line held prior to the attack by the 29th Division had not been definitely established and in order to prevent confusion, the attacking elements of that Division were withdrawn at H hour minus 1 hour 45 minutes to a north and south line running through Molleville Farm.

Before considering the attack itself, it seems fair to call attention to the shortage of officers that existed prior to the attack. All of the units of the Brigade were below the authorized strength. This situation had been called to the attention of higher authority by the Brigade Commander by letters on September 24 and again on October 5. However, no response was ever received to these letters and no appreciable replacements were made until after the Armistice. The letters were as follows, both addressed to the Commanding General, 26th Division, for transmittal to higher authority:

"24 September. Subject: Shortage of Officers in 102d M.G. Bn.

"1. Various assignments and details away from the organization have reduced the company officers of the 102d Machine Gun Battalion to ten. The Tables of Organization provide for twenty-four.

"2. The 102d M. G. Company is officered by officers from the 102d M.G. Battalion, as with the departure of Captain Wilhelm there will be no officers in the 102d M. G. Company and in the near future additional officers must be sent to that company from this battalion.

"3. This is a serious situation which should receive attention at the earliest possible moment.

"(Signed) GEO. H. SHELTON,
Brigadier General, U. S. A., Commanding."

"5 October. Subject: Shortage of officers in the 51st Infantry Brigade.

"1. At this writing this brigade has less than 58% of the authorized number of officers present for duty. It has but 140 officers of all grades present out of 244 combatant officers authorized by the Tables of Organization. It has not at present sufficient qualified officers of lower grades to fill by promotion the vacancies existing in the grade of Captain. By organizations the shortage is as follows:

The 101st Infantry has present 69 officers out of 106 authorized.

The 102d Infantry has present 55 officers out of 106 authorized.

The 102d M. G. Bn. has present 11 officers out of 27 authorized.

"2. The situation in respect to the 102d Machine Gun Battalion was set forth in my letter of September 24th on this subject.

"3. Attention is now especially invited to the condition of the 102d Infantry. This regiment has a total of only 55 officers present for duty. It has but six captains and twelve 1st Lieutenants present. It has no officers left out of its Machine Gun Company and to meet this emergency I have had to detach one Captain and one 1st Lieutenant from the 102d Machine Gun Battalion, the efficiency of which is already threatened by the shortage within its own organization. One battalion of the 102d Infantry is commanded by a 2d Lieutenant and there is no higher grade present with the battalion. The Regimental Headquarters Staff is so reduced as to make administration exceedingly difficult. *The whole situation is so fraught with danger that I beg to urge some action looking to the immediate replacement, in part at least, of the officers of the higher company grades now absent.*

"(Signed) GEO. H. SHELTON,
"Brigadier General, U. S. A., Commanding."

The 1st Battalion, 101st Infantry, was assigned as the assault battalion on a line on the right of the 29th Division. The 3d Battalion of the same regiment was assigned a position on the northern slope of Molleville Bois from which it was to attack in accordance with the following instructions of Field Orders No. 92, H2, 26th Division. (This order was written by the Division Chief of Staff.) "When it (1st Bn. 101st Inf.) has reached the nose north of the letter H in Houppy Bois the 3d Bn. which will be formed up in advance parallel in Molleville Bois at H minus one hour, will attack."

Between these two battalions separated at the beginning of the attack by uneven ground and woods, was a mixed group consisting of four platoons of infantry and a machine gun platoon acting as a combat liaison group. Upon this group rested the mission of maintaining liaison between the inner flanks of the attacking battalions. Again quoting Field Orders No. 92, the combat liaison group was assigned its mission as follows: "By detached groups, runners, and careful observation it must keep the commander of the 3d Battalion informed as to the progress of the 1st Bn."

This order naturally had a strong bearing on the subsequent progress of the action and these two quotations must be borne in mind to appreciate the difficulties thrown upon the shoulders of the two battalion commanders and to fully understand why greater success was not achieved. Briefly, the situation was that one battalion was to attack in an easterly direction; one battalion facing north on an east and west line was to wait until the assault battalion had advanced a little more than a kilometer and was then to execute a difficult turning movement and proceed in conjunction with the first battalion to the first objective. The weather had been rainy and a heavy mist, as was usual, hung over the ravine through which the first battalion was to attack and "careful observation" which was demanded of the waiting battalion was impossible.

(To be continued)

Y. D. V. A. Annual Convention

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association was held on the afternoon of Saturday, March 28, at the Association headquarters, YD Memorial Clubhouse, Boston.

The convention was called to order by President George W. Twombly at 3.15 P.M. The minutes of the Fifth Annual Convention were read and accepted. The Secretary's Report was read and accepted. (This report appears in full elsewhere in this issue, by vote of the Convention.)

In the absence of the treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was read by Raymond J. Queenin, member of the Executive Committee, and accepted. The salient feature of this report was the contrast of a bank balance of less than $200 on January 1, 1924, with a balance of over $2,000 on February 28, 1925. The Treasurer's Report may be seen by any member of the Association upon application at Association Headquarters.

The President then called for reports from the several chapters of the Association.

The YD Club of Bangor (Bangor, Maine), recently chartered, was not represented.

Ralph M. Eastman responded for the YD Club of Boston. Mr. Eastman spoke briefly of the prosperous condition of the Boston Club and called special attention to the Jubilee to be held on April 15, to celebrate the paying off of all the Club's debts.

Russell A. Harmon, president-elect of the Boston Club, also spoke along the same general lines. Mr. Harmon mentioned the alterations and restorations now being made in the Clubhouse as visible evidence of prosperity and an omen of a bright future. He outlined briefly the plans of the new administration and promised the Association full measure of co-operation, especially in regard to YANKEE DOINGS.

Their reports were accepted.

The following chapters were not represented: YD Club of Brockton, YD Club of Marblehead and Metropolitan Chapter. No one responded for the YD Club of Portland (Portland, Maine), but a letter was read from Dr. W. H. Lynch expressing regret that professional duties prevented his attendance. The YD Club of Killingly (Killingly, Conn.) was not represented. No official delegate was present from the YD Club of Washington (Washington, D.C.), but Colonel Stevens had been deputized by President Cass to represent the Chapter. Colonel Stevens presented the Secretary with resolutions which the Washington Club desired the convention to take action upon.

Mark King reported for the Committee of Grave Markers, submitting a design for a Yankee Division grave marker which was conceived and executed by Alton Parsons of the Boston Club. The report was accepted.

Under unfinished business it was voted, after discussion, to continue the existing Committee on Grave Markers for the purpose of conferring with State and National authorities on all phases of the subject and to report its findings to the next Annual Convention.

Under new business, George R. Elliott, former president of the Association, made a plea for full co-operation with the editors of YANKEE DOINGS. He spoke of the ever increasing amount of labor involved in editing and publishing the paper, and outlined plans for the early establishment of a permanent editorial board whose sole duty would be the management of YANKEE DOINGS. He offered a motion that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint a Corresponding Secretary, in addition to the Secretary. This motion was passed.

Mr. Elliott offered a motion that the Executive Committee be asked to make a study of the advisability of incorporating the Yankee Division Veterans Association as a national corporation with power to act. This motion was carried.

The Secretary then read the resolutions submitted by the YD Club of Washington:

1. *Resolved:* That the annual convention for 1926 be held in Washington.
   (Referred to the Executive Committee.)
2. *Resolved:* That a committee of not to exceed ten members of the Association be appointed to represent the Association at the Memorial Day services at Arlington and that the President of the YD Club of Washington be empowered to purchase an appropriate floral piece, symbolic of the Yankee Division, to be placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The expenses attending this purchase to be paid by the Treasurer of the Association and not to exceed $25.
   (Colonel Hyatt, Colonel Stevens, Judge Leggat and Messrs. Eastman, Elliott, Cook, Parsons and McLennan spoke from the floor on the resolution. (On motion of Colonel Stevens the resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.)
3. *Resolved:* That a committee to consist of the Honorary President of the Association, the former commanding officers of the various regiments, brigades, separate battalions and trains, and headquarters troop, and the officers of the Association, be appointed to meet at the earliest practicable date in Boston and discuss the proposition of providing a YD marker for the graves of the Division's dead. This committee to be instructed to devise ways and means for financing such measure to insure not only the appropriate marking, in the manner similar to the G.A.R. markers, of those graves in France but, in addition, those graves of YD men in this country. This committee to report back to the next convention with a complete report on this subject based upon a successful completion of the project within a five-year period.
   (Referred to the Grave Marker Committee.)
4. *Resolved:* That a committee be appointed to meet with the director of the Veterans Bureau to discuss the feasibility of the Y.D.V.A. being recognized as an official veterans' organization to represent claims of its own men or their dependents before the Veterans Bureau in accordance with the Act of June 7, 1924.
   (On motion of Colonel Hyatt, after discussion, it was VOTED: That this resolution be laid on the table.)

5. *Resolved:* That a member of each Chapter, to be nominated by their respective Chapters, be invited to join the editorial staff of the Association organ, YANKEE DOINGS, as an associate editor.
(Adopted.)
6. *Resolved:* That it is the sense of the Convention that the history of the 26th Division, A.E.F., has not yet been published and that a committee to consist of representative authorities to be nominated by the Honorary President be appointed to develop ways and means of appropriately preserving to posterity an authentic record of the unit as a whole.
(Colonel Hyatt, speaking from the floor, said that the honorary president, General Edwards, was preparing not only to write, but to finance, such a history Mr. Harmon offered an amendment to the resolution that the words "honorary president" be changed to read "president," explaining that the President, should he so desire, could appoint the Honorary President as a committee of one, to choose his own assistants. Mr. Elliott offered a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee, which was carried.)

VOTED: That copies of the Secretary's Report be mailed to each chapter of the Association with instructions that it be read at the next regular meeting.

VOTED: That the Secretary's report be printed in YANKEE DOINGS.

On motion of Colonel Hyatt it was VOTED: The President appoint a committee to study the advisability of having a Divisional Reunion in Boston in 1927.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers. (A list of the officers elected appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Upon the announcement of the result of the election, the outgoing president, George W. Twombly, turned the gavel over to the new president, Ralph M. Eastman.

President Eastman, after thanking the members of the Convention, spoke of YANKEE DOINGS,—especially of the advertising end,—urging the members to patronize the firms there represented and to mention the fact to them.

The convention adjourned at 6 P.M.

ATTENTION MESSRS. MASON & DIXON

The newly elected president of the YD Club of Boston is additional proof that the War gummed up the established order of things.

RUSSELL A. HARMON was raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and was of army age before he suspected that "damned Yankee" was two words. He was issued to the 104th Infantry as a second looie in October, 1917, and has been one of us ever since.

As if there wasn't romance enough in the conversion of a Wild Virginian into a full-fledged Yank, upon his return he married Miss Gladys McIntyre, of doughnut memory. They make their home in Brookline, Mass., and have three fine boys. In business life Harmon is a campaign organizer, and has managed some of the most successful recent drives of New England charities. At present he is directing the Massachusetts campaign for the American Legion Endowment Fund.

GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

Last month's DOINGS was an unusual number in many respects. It contained dispatches from California, Uruguay, Poland and Skowhegan. But your humble editor was blissfully unaware of the full import of some of the less conspicuous features until his first visit to the Club after the date of publication. He was then and there seized upon by an angry multitude and threatened with everything from impeachment to crucifixion.

First Count: Charges preferred by RALPH M. EASTMAN, since elected President of the Y.D.V.A. Namely and to wit, that said Editor did wilfully and maliciously include said Eastman in a category of generals and colonels who were roundly censured for non-attendance at the Smokers. Our first thought was that it was the injured pride of a sergeant-major at being classed with lesser officers, but it transpired that the statement itself was at fault. Mr. Eastman wishes it known that the Smoker in question was the second one which he has missed in four years. In humility and contrition, we have already made verbal apology to our new Boss, with a promise that a written one should follow. If anyone else can equal Ralph's record of attendance, we will be glad to print his name in the roll of honor.

Second Count: Charges preferred by BILL SNYDER, Manager of the YD Club of Boston. Namely and to wit, that said editor did seek to undermine the morale of those who attend the Smokers and to foment dissatisfaction and discontent by publicly impugning the character and reputation of the cigars which the said SNYDER dispenses at the said Smokers.

On this count we were brought before a full jury (let us say rather a complete jury). Their verdict was, "What in ——— does he expect for nothing —Corona Coronas?" As penance, we have since smoked one of the cigars.

Third Count: Charges preferred by JOHN SMITH. Namely and to wit, that said editor did injuriously libel him in several particulars. First, by making the statement that he was "better known as Two-Bit Smith." Secondly, by misrepresenting his conduct on the night of the earthquake.

On the first charge we can only say that we have never, to our knowledge, heard Mr. Smith referred to by any other name. And on the second, as it was made on hearsay, and was quite probably incorrect, we will retract the statement made and publicly announce that Mr. Smith did *not* rush from the room to the assistance of the terrified women.

Fourth Count: Charges preferred by LYMAN B. COZZENS, champion long-distance serial story writer. Namely and to wit, that said editor did murderously assault, mutilate and devitalize the final installment of his story, "Through Old Sectors," amputating therefrom a most important and artistic rainstorm. Said Cozzens claims that this installment, as it appeared in DOINGS, was as arid as a banquet of the Anti-Saloon League.

We have no defence to offer against this charge except the exigencies of space limitation. Had our inartistic eye but caught the full significance of that rainstorm, Mr. Cozzens would have had no cause to lament. As it is, we cannot make restitution by printing it this month for the manuscript has gone to the last resting place of all good copy. We offer Mr. Cozzens also our humble apologies.

Back Through Old Sectors (XI)

By Lyman B. Cozzens

Holland has a bad habit of eating cheese for breakfast. Of course that's nobody's business but its own and it's good cheese,—the kind that you don't mind eating for breakfast. In fact, I liked it so much that I bought one in Delft. Isn't that a romantic place to buy a cheese?

Delft is a quaint old town of cheese, canals and pottery. I also bought some pottery and would have liked to buy a canal,—one would look nice on our street—but they are stuck down and can't be carried away. They run through the middle of the streets and the boats go by laden with all sorts of things the same as our trucks, and it is a source of constant pleasure to watch them. I was standing thus occupied on one of the little cross-street bridges when, to my amazement and disgust, a brand new Ford went by on one of the decks, being delivered to another part of the city.

At The Hague, or "Den Haag" as they call it, I heard that Queen Wilhelmina's Jubilee presents could be seen; so, without going to my hotel, I started for the Palace with my cheese.

The pompous and gold-laced sentry at the door looked at me as if he was quite sure what was in my package; however, he said nothing about it and I was allowed to go in and wander around the rich rooms to my heart's content (with my cheese under my arm) and look as long as I pleased at the magnificent gifts from all the monarchs of the world. It was the first palace I had been in which was occupied by a living queen; all the others were dead or deposed.

Before leaving Boston my friends, and also the daily papers, had assured me that I would be unable to get into the Ruhr; therefore I was quite determined to go and was sure that I could in some way get there. So when I reached Brussels, in Belgium, I visited the French and German consuls. They were both real human beings and talked freely about the situation. They told me a few things to do and thought I could get there all right.

It was useless to take a sleeper as I had to get off the train so many times to please the inspectors and was to land at Cologne at two o'clock in the morning. I also deemed it wise to get off at the Belgian border to check my baggage. After hearing such wild tales of having baggage seized, I decided not to carry anything into the Ruhr except what would go into my overcoat pockets. There were a lot of things that I did not want questioned. And there was my cheese.

At Brussels, I could only get a ticket to the Belgian border. Germany wanted to sell its own tickets, or rather France wanted to sell Germany's tickets. At that point the conductor asked where I was going. I said, "Cologne." He replied, "That will cost you 138 million marks." I asked if he could change a dollar as I had nothing less. At this the man in the opposite seat asked, "How much do you want for a dollar?"

I figured quickly. When I last looked, three days ago, the dollar was worth 170 million; and dropping 10 million a day, a chance estimate would bring it to 200 million. This was rather a big price to ask but he accepted and gave me what I wanted, counting out 200 million marks with which I paid for my ticket.

I was somewhat ashamed of myself for naming the exorbitant sum until I reached Cologne and found that the dollar was worth 600 million. Stung again! But on the other hand, here was I riding for several hours for about 25 cents.

Cologne, although not in the Ruhr, is in the Rhineland and showed the effects of the Occupation. Poverty was at once apparent; men were sleeping all over the station,—on the benches, on the window sills. And although rich in Old World beauty, its people were in desperate need.

I spent the rest of the night at a hotel where I was lucky to get a room. Early in the morning I hurried to Essen, going through Dusseldorf, Duesburg and Mulheim.

Much to my surprise, they allowed me to go through the Krupp works. But no one was working. Everybody was in the streets. There were no wagons or autos to give a business-like sound,—just the eternal walking around talking in low tones and mumbling.

I went without lunch as I could find nothing to eat. There were no restaurants. The cafes were just for drinking. That was in West Essen. But when I reached Essen by trolley things were about the same. Only one hotel was open and that housed the French officers. Besides I did not know the word for eat or food. I don't remember what I did to convey to them that I wanted lunch. At any rate, I didn't get it. Late in the afternoon I spied people drinking chocolate and eating pastry. This was not what I wanted, but it was all I could get so made the best of the opportunity.

Stores were empty but open; for what, I do not know unless to comply with the French law or to serve their own people. Each one that I looked into had a dark and tomb-like appearance. It was most depressing.

Everybody was suspicious of me. When I went to buy my ticket three men came over and watched every move I made.

At length a French officer told me where I could get something to eat, so I had my dinner but the food was poor. The horrible state of affairs was getting on my nerves and I wished I had taken the four o'clock train out, if there really had been such a thing.

Once, in the restaurant, a young man who was talking to another burst out laughing and then quickly suppressed it as it sounded unnatural there. It was the only pleasant sound I heard in the Ruhr unless it was my train pulling out late that night.

After dark it rained and I was one of the walking legion in the streets. I had a little German money to get rid of as it would be no good in exchange after I left. I bought a small box of candy for 400 million marks and spent the rest drinking hot chocolate at a pastry shop to get in out of the rain and pass the time till my train left.

A. P. O. 709

Here is a letter from Sunset, Wash. (The staff dumbell thought it was an ad from some new laundry.) CLYDE W. RUSSELL writes: "I enclose one bat hide for my 1925 dues. All is lovely in this part of the world, even if the fall wheat did freeze. We'll try our hand at a spring crop. In France we didn't quit when we struck a snag; why should we now? I always get a kick out of YANKEE DOINGS, and look forward to its arrival. I have sent my back issues to ROBERT E. DOWLING (K Co., 101st Inf.) together with an application blank. Can anyone give me the address of ARTHUR F. FOLEY (I Co., 101st Inf.)?"

FELIX W. KNAUTH (101st F. A.) has been in New York City quite a spell now, for one with his globe-trotting tendencies. He is selling woolens for the George E. Kunhardt Corporation. A great business, he observes, but not as exciting as the Bois de Belleau. "Reports of the Club's condition are surely encouraging. There seems to be a lot of pep in the old outfit. I remember so well the tremendous effort of the first campaign that it feels great to know that it was so decidedly worth while. The Clubhouse will always be a center, even for those of us who are quite far away."

G. N. OLMSTEAD of Kansas City, Mo., sends his old copies of DOINGS to the Veterans' Hospital in hopes that some of the boys will find news of their old buddies or outfits. He adds, "I would like to see a few notes occasionally from E Battery, 101st Field."

Pausing in the annual ceremony of paying his dues, HARRIS ALEXANDER of St. Albans, Vermont, remarks, "I look forward to YANKEE DOINGS more than any other magazine I take."

CALVIN D. ALEXANDER of Greensboro, N. C., gets a special thrill when we mention the name of any member of the old 101st Sanitary Train. He says it is next best to seeing the names on the bottom of letters or postcards.

BILL AVERY (Supply Train) writes from Philly: "Certainly glad to hear of the prosperity of the Club. As for YANKEE DOINGS, long may she live! After I (and every service man in the office) have read it, it is given to the Oak Lane Post of the Legion and there read with great interest, especially by several former Boston men."

It seems that three XYD's are the instigators and leaders of a drive to provide a modern and fully equipped home for the Legion Post in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. They are K. W. FARNHAM (101st Inf.), ARNOLD BREWER (Sig. Corps), and G. S. NEVENS (Engrs.).

A recent visitor at the Boston Club was Major CHARLES H. KENDRICK of San Francisco, former divisional remount officer. Although Major Kendrick has been exceedingly active in veteran affairs since the War, his travels had not chanced to lead to Boston; this accordingly was his first opportunity to view the beautiful lamp which adorns the table of the Club living room,—his gift of several years ago.

Annual greeting of CARL A. JENSON, Lane, South Dakota: "We are hard up out here in Dakota. Our banks are 'busted' and our savings imprisoned for life. But I would rather miss my last dollar than miss my YANKEE DOINGS. So here goes."

YANKEE DIVISION LIBRARY

The list of publications relating to the 26th Division, or any of its component parts, which was printed in the February number of DOINGS has elicited the following additions from our readers:

Regimental History

*"War History of the 102d Regiment, United States Infantry," Ratcliffe M. Hills. Privately printed.

Battalion, Company and Battery Histories

"The History of Battery B" (103d Field Artillery), Providence, R. I., 1920. E. R. Freeman Co.

Miscellaneous

"From Trench and Dugout," by Raymond Wunderlich (E Co., 101st Engrs.), Stockton, Calif., 1919. Privately printed.

"A Travel Brochure," William C. Levere, Evanston, Ill., 1922. Privately printed.

*Copies of this book may be obtained from the author, Ratcliffe M. Hills, 144 Sargeant St., Hartford, Conn. The price is one dollar.

A good suggestion was made by one of those who sent in these additions. It is this: That such outfits as have not already compiled their histories, jump to it before the data gets cold. In future years, when the real histories of the war are being written, these outfit stories will be of inestimable value to the historian, as the information they contain will be of a nature that cannot be found elsewhere.

BOWLING BANQUET

The annual banquet of the YD Bowling League has become an institution. That held March 21st at Louis' Cafe, Boston, was the best yet,—a fitting climax to the League's most successful season. With all deference to the skill and consistency of our bowlers, the nickels from "five-or-under" boxes must have flooded in all season to finance such a lavish dinner, entertainment and prizes. The YANKEE DOINGS correspondent was granted exclusive press privileges, with instructions to report the proceedings adequately but discreetly.

RUSS HARMON acted as master of ceremonies and bestowed the prizes which were amazing in value, number and taste. High individual average prize, a leather traveling case, went to A. W. BECKETT; second prize, a gold fountain pen with YD monogram, was won by A. LEONARDI. Members of the winning Engineer team received gold pocket combs; members of the 104th Infantry team, winner of high three-string total, received pigskin memorandum books. EDDIE FERGUSON annexed a fountain pen, and PAGE, WELSH and LEONARDI were presented with paid-up resident memberships to the YD Club of Boston, two of which were donated by the Board of Governors of the Club.

Officers elected for the coming year were: JOHN J. KELLY, *president;* EDWARD FERGUSON, *secretary and treasurer. Committee,* LEONARDI (101st F.A.), SOUSA (101st Inf.), EMERY (104th Inf.), BECKETT (101st Engrs.) and MORRILL (Signal Corps).

Pacific Coast Flares

On Lincoln's Birthday, the Los Angeles Sector of the 1st Division gave a banquet and entertainment at the Gates Hotel, Los Angeles, in honor of ex-service men of certain combat divisions, to get them together to organize local divisional societies. The 26th Division responded with twelve men on the firing line, and when we got to "Parley Vooing" we found out that the Yankee Division has a big reserve battalion in this city and its surrounding territory, so we have decided to call on that reserve and bring them upon the line of active members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

The following men represented the Yankee Division:

Lt. JOHN J. FOX, (Co. D. 104th Inf.), Lt. L. T. JOHNSON, (2d Bat. Hq., 101st Inf.), Sgt. DAVID H. WOOSTER, (Co. L, 104th Inf.), Corp. HARRY K. BOONE (2d Balloon Co., attached to 26th Div.), NATHAN COHEN (Co. D, 104th Inf.), JOHN G. MOORE (Co. A, 104th Inf.), CHRISTOPHER C. BAYLOR (Co. A, 102d Inf.), C. J. PERKINS (101st F. A.), R. A. HOLSENBECK (51st F. A. Brig. Hdqtrs. Det.), WM. H. OATES (101st Inf.), 1st. Sgt. ROBERT R. WEIR (Med. Supply unit), and CARL A. BESENBACH (Co. G, 102d Inf.).

2d Lt. JOHN J. FOX (Co. D, 104th Inf.) is still connected up with the Los Angeles School Board as an Investigator and runs down "Young America" when they are found A. W. O. L. from their daily cross-word puzzles.

Fox is competing in the heavy weight class, and from all appearances, his wife must throw a mean Mess Gear. Anyway, he still wears his identification tag in the way of a street sweeper's broom on his upper lip and he is a hard worker in behalf of the local YD.

JOHN G. MOORE (Co. A. 104th Inf.), a 32nd cousin of Dinty, draws his meal ticket from the Automobile Club of Southern California for seeing that the Road Signs are properly placed to direct Southern California Traffic. He is a strong believer in Signs, especially if they are on the quiet.

2d Lieut. CHARLES VAN DEROEF (101st Inf.) is kept on the jump selling trunks, suitcases, etc., at his luggage store on Western Ave., between 5th and 6th Sts., and he says business is 100% proof in the number of 1 gallon-size suit cases he sells.

R. A. HOLSENBECK (101st F. A.) who lives at 8931 Menlo St., Los Angeles, intends to take a business trip east within the next few weeks and will be in Boston to tell the boys all the western news first hand. At our last meeting he was given a lot of thanks for donating a big bunch of stationery to the club.

Sgt. RIGGINS (103d Inf.) is selling tickets for the Union Pacific out where the Jack Rabbits have to carry their lunch—Los Vegas, Nevada.

Capt. Timothy D. BONNEY (Co. A, 103d Inf.), a resident of 3286 Elm Ave., Long Beach, Calif., is holding down the position of Cost Accountant for the Union Tool Co., Torrance, Calif.

Lieut. LOUIS A. RIEL (102d Inf.) spends most of his time down on a ranch that he and his brother own near Anaheim, Calif. Beans and English walnuts are their specialty. Riel was badly wounded by high explosive while in the Troyon Sector.

Major E. B. NEWCOMB (Regtl. Adjt. 103d Inf.) is on the job as Quartermaster at the National Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Calif., and you don't hear the old stall, "*We have no 12's, give him 14's.*" No! not while the major is quartermaster.

OTTO KINGREY (104th Inf.) lives at Ontario, Calif.

2d Lieut. RAYMOND S. ADAMS (102d Inf.) still has his hand in Uncle Sam's pocket. He is employed in the Internal Revenue Dept., with offices in the American Bank Bldg., Los Angeles.

2d Lieut. ALONZO ADAMS (101st Inf.) is worse than a Mexican jumping bean when it comes to locating his residence —but he lived in East Los Angeles when last heard from.

FRED M. MONTGOMERY (Co. K, 104th Inf.) lives at 6118 Aldama St., Los Angeles, and has a steady job in the Press Room Gang of the Los Angeles "Evening Herald."

SHIRLEY E. WOOD (103rd Inf.) is boss of a bunch of wood butchers, and puts up these "Ready Cut Houses" you read about. His home station is 1233 N. Kenmore, Los Angeles.

According to the Publicity Broadcaster of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the weather here is never cold—therefore the following story:

One cool morning not long ago, two men bundled up in overcoats, got on a street car at the end of one of the lines and they noticed that the conductor was lightly dressed and shivering, so one of the men in addressing the conductor said—"My man, you sure look cold, and ought to wear more clothing." To which the conductor replied: "No! I do not feel cold—in fact, I feel warm because I also work for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce."

2d Lieut. WILLIAM BROWN (102d Inf.) soldier cowboy, rancher and up to a short while ago, a dispenser of C. C. pills for the Sun Drug Co.,—has cut another notch in his collar button by graduating with full Military Honors from the law course at the University of Southern California, and he has hung out his shingle in the Fay Bldg., Los Angeles. Brown, during his service with the 102d Infantry, received several citations in orders, so you can put it down he is "there" and if he ever runs for District Attorney, we will be his strongest boosters—"Atta Boy, Brown."

IRVING I. GILLESPIE, of 124 So. Clement St., Tujunga, Calif., formerly with the 2d Balloon Co., attached to the 26th Division, passed away as the final results of having been badly gassed. In addition to his widow, he is survived by a young son, Terrance.

PAUL KOWNOUSKY (Co. F, 104th Inf.) gets his mail at the Disabled Veterans Post No. 1, 246 So. Hill St., Los Angeles.

—L. T. J.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

"H" COMPANY

On Monday evening, April 13, there will be a get together of H Company at the YD Club at 8 o'clock. Gen. THOMAS F. FOLEY and Lieut. Col. ARTHUR HANSEN will address the bunch. They were our old battalion commanders and the bunch have expressed a desire to have them with us. An added attraction will be the presence of Fr. OSIAS BOUCHER. Talent will be of the best and there will be *beaucoup* eats. Be there.

FRANK GOOD (the old cheese) was recently deputized to go to the Federal Penitentiary with a few bad actors. From all reports he had a whale of a trip, but we cannot get a word from him regarding the Georgia Peaches.

Capt. JAMES M. KEARNEY (*j'ai parle Baylyea*) is starter at the Everett Terminal of the Boston El. He still has the flush of youth on his cheeks, getting more rotund, and is seemingly more dignified than when we saw him capering at Circourt. Possibly his newly acquired "Harold Lloyd windshields" are the cause.

Sgt. BILLY HAYES of "Boston's Finest" has again been shifted and is now roving about the streets tagging cars. Here's hoping that he lays off the bunch.

Sgt. JACK SHIELDS is on research work with Glaser & Marks, 234 Boylston St., International Advertising Corp. on research work. Ask him about the eccentric folks that he must interview, especially "Vegetarians."

Lieut. JOHN GLEASON has been placed in the Assessors' Department of the City of Boston. Probably the size of his family impressed His Honor, who is quite a family man. More power to you, John. Go through as only the bunch know you can.

LARRY (JOWLS) GLASHEEN is soldiering again. He is now corporal of the first squad of Company F, 101st Infantry, N.G. Among others in the same outfit are JIM SHAUGNESSY and JIM FEELEY. There is a certain fascination in the service of dirty details, and the itching feet are bound to lead a good man there.

FRED WILDER is now a dentist, with offices in Dorchester. He was at the last meeting and looks well and prosperous. If the molars go wrong, see Fred.

ANDY ANDRIZANNO is manager of the Crescent Shoe Store, next door to Gordon's Scollay Square Olympia. When the family needs to be reshod, see Andy. He claims he can give any man of the A.E.F. a perfect fitting without showing rope burns at the neck or ankle.

MISCELLANEOUS

G. T. (HOLLY) HOLLAHAN (I Co.) visited the Club the other day to pay his dues. He wants to know why so few members of that outfit are Club members. "Holly" has been employed by the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston for thirteen years. That fact is an indication of his steadiness, so it is not strange that he has been a member of the Club since its organization. He gets around when the *femme* says it's O. K.

BASILIOS HAMOZACKOS (B Co.) who was severely wounded in the Argonne, is making the most of his vocational training as a law student at Northeastern Law School. He is a member of the class of 1926, and since his first year has consistently maintained an honor grade. A graduate of the University of Athens, Greece, he came to America shortly before the war to join relatives who had preceded him. When the United States "went in," so did he, and upon being discharged from a hospital long after most of us had discarded the O.D., he immediately took advantage of the opportunity to become a citizen. What scion of "good old native stock" is there that deserves that right more than he?

JOHNNY LEONARD (C Co.) was elected sergeant-at-arms of Cecil Fogg Post, A. L., of Hyde Park at its annual election. Johnny resides in Readville with his family (acquired since the war).

"HAPPY" APPLETON was seen at the Boston Theatre one rainy Sunday night recently with a lady. "The older they get, the younger they feel," says "Goldie" Goldman in reference to his erstwhile "pard." Such opinions don't seem to bother "Happy" (also known as "Apples"), however, as he always boasted that he was the oldest "buck private" in the 26th Division and as young in spirit as the youngest in years.

REV. OSIAS BOUCHER, chaplain of our Veterans Association, has been advanced to a pastorate in New Bedford. Certain former members of the regiment called to extend him their compliments upon his promotion a short time ago and came away with serious thoughts; for they had found him immersed in work and worries, for his promotion carried with it the task of building a church. As the Padre's parishioners are very poor, they are not able to help much. His visitors and buddies evolved a plan to assist him, however, and as a result every former buddy of Father Boucher will have a chance to show his regard for his gallant chaplain by taking a chance on the punchboards now in circulation. Have you taken yours yet?

The Federal forces of New England have been increased by "JOE" CLANCY (K Co.) and JOHN SMITH (F Co.). We have no doubt of their qualifications. Bootleggers, hijackers and rum-runners, beware!

"HOT" HANIFAN (K Co.) is studying at the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Boston. He is happily married and lives in Hingham, Mass. —J. A. C.

BOSTON CLUB ELECTS

At the annual meeting of the YD Club of Boston, held March 11, the following officers were elected for the year ending April 1, 1926:

Honorary President, CLARENCE R. EDWARDS; *President*, RUSSELL A. HARMON; *1st Vice-President*, CHARLES C. STANCHFIELD; 2d *Vice-President*, G. M. KING; *3d Vice-President*, WILLIAM A. BRADY; *Directors* (for three years), GEORGE R. ELLIOTT, JOHN F. MALONE.

The Club adopted an amendment to its by-laws, recommended by the 1925 nominating committee, which will permit "not more than two officers, and not more than two directors" from any former unit of the Division to be elected to the Governing Board. Previously only one officer and one director from each unit were eligible.

A Year of the Y.D.V.A

1924-1925

(By vote of the Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, held March 28, 1925, the following Report of the Secretary was ordered to be published in YANKEE DOINGS and to be read at the first subsequent meeting of each Chapter of the Association.)

MR. PRESIDENT and fellow members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, you may choose to call this more of a keynote speech than a report. If so, the only excuse I shall offer is that it is in the interest of the Association.

In some respects the Yankee Division Veterans Association is a peculiar body. It is entirely separate and distinct from any of the YD Clubs, and yet, were it not for those clubs, the Association would have no existence. It is less a super-organization than an invisible tie between its various chapters. It is sometimes known as the parent body. In a sense that is correct: for it grants charters to and receives a tax from its members, the YD Clubs. But in another sense the term is misleading, for it is not through any agency of the Association that the clubs come into being. The Association recognizes and fosters the clubs, but it does not create them. They are born from the embers of that spirit which permeated our Division, whenever and wherever the returning breeze of memory fans those embers into flame. And it is only after the infant has made its presence known by a lusty shout for attention, if you will pardon my changing the figure of speech, that the Association begins to function.

What then, some may ask, is the real purpose that such a body can serve? And we reply that it is designed to fulfill one of the greatest needs and noblest aspirations of the man who wore the YD,—the ever-present desire to retain contact with his former friends and comrades. This is its sole purpose. It requires little thought to realize that no number of isolated clubs could achieve this aim. There must needs be a liaison agent, a clearing house for information; and it is exactly that role that the Association attempts to fill.

The questions next arise: In what manner does it seek to attain its object, and what degree of success does it achieve? It is the right of the delegates here assembled to ask these questions and it should be the purpose of the secretary's report to answer them. I shall try to do so.

One basic fact underlies the answer to both of these questions—a fact often overlooked—namely that the value of the organization to each individual in it varies almost in exact ratio to the number of its members. This requires no explanation. A single example is sufficient. Suppose merely a score of men had sufficient interest to retain their membership in the Association. It would be of but little value to any one of them. Suppose, on the other hand, that every last man of the forty-five or fifty thousand who passed through our ranks should join us today. What an outfit that would be! That, in short, is the impressive and glorious objective we have set ourselves, one which can never be attained in literal fact perhaps, but one which can be more closely approximated year by year. Therefore, the point which I want to drive home is this: that every man should bear vividly in mind in joining the Association or in dropping from it, that it is not his own welfare alone that is affected for better or for worse, but the welfare of every man in the organization. As when a single strand in a cable gives way, the load that it carried must be distributed among the other strands, and the weakest of those will soon snap, too.

So, in reply to the first of the two questions: "In what manner does it seek to attain its object?" The answer is two-fold. First, by endeavoring to keep alive the memories and the spirit of fellowship engendered in the trying, yet light-hearted, days spent overseas. By enabling its members to keep in touch with one another. And secondly, by seeking to enlarge the scope of its activities into new fields.

And the second question: "What degree of success does it achieve?"—resolves itself into answering in what measure its efforts along these two lines are fruitful.

Let us see. First, in its efforts to establish and maintain liaison among its members. Those olive-drab figures that swung down Commonwealth Avenue on that cold day in April, not so long ago, whose ranks and columns tramped by until the dim haze of evening, a living stream whose beginning seemed never to have been, whose end never seemed to near,—where are they now? Scattered about the face of the earth. How *can* liaison be maintained? Reunions, even of the largest magnitude, affect but a scattering few, and reunions are soon over. But one answer presents itself,—the printed word. Thus we have called into being to achieve the first of our two objects, the little monthly paper which is sent out to nearly every State in the Union, our own YANKEE DOINGS. The publication of such a paper is not justly the province of any club, and in that work the Association finds its true reason for existence.

YANKEE DOINGS represents, in so far as those who are responsible for it can accomplish that end, the thoughts, words and actions of its readers. They not only read it (that is, we hope they do) but they enact or have enacted, they are thinking or have thought, the very words they read. The only manner in which this can be consummated is by having it a paper written *by* as well as for its readers. That is what we try to make it. But we who sit with scissors and paste-pot cannot do it alone. And that explains our constant plea, "Put it in writing and send it in." The reading of the bright ideas of one or two men month after month is as bad as too much bully-beef and hardtack. The boys want to read about each other, or about what some one of them individually or some group of them collectively did on some humorous or tragic occasion. It is conceivable that we did not witness or even hear about *every* notable occurrence that took place in a body of thirty thousand men during a period of about twenty months. So I take occasion to add the spoken plea to the written, "Help make DOINGS a representative paper, and by getting your own name in print, forge one link in the chain of liaison."

I could say a good deal more on this subject. Except for annual conventions and like trivialities, DOINGS is the thing that keeps us busy most of the year. And a close-up of the job could not fail to be interesting. However, this is not the time or the place for it. I would mention, however, in passing, that dearth of news has not been the only barrier to a perfect paper. Printers, like other men, decline to toil for glory. And a word on finances might not be amiss, even from the secretary.

The expenses of the Association are confined to one channel—the publication of YANKEE DOINGS—as the Boston Club gives us our quarters here in the Memorial Clubhouse, free. Our sources of revenue are normally two in number,—the per capita tax levied on the Chapters, and the returns from advertising space in YANKEE DOINGS. These have never sufficed to support the publication. Last fall we entered, with many misgivings, into a business venture which turned out surprisingly well. I refer to the widespread sale of Christmas greeting cards. I need not enter into details,—the Treasurer's Report will attend to that. Sufficient to say that in a legitimate manner, without resorting to any appeal for charity, the Association found itself in a position where the publication of DOINGS is assured for some time to come. In the field of advertising we are endeavoring to put into operation a policy which will materially supplement the revenue from other sources.

So much for our first objective,—liaison. Now for the second,—expansion. Many devices have been exploited in our efforts along this line. In the main, be it said, they have been made in conjunction with the Boston Club, our largest chapter. Last year we concentrated a drive on the non-resident areas with the result that this class of membership in the Boston Club showed an actual increase over the preceding year. A very marked answer to the man who says, "I live too far away. The Club doesn't do me any good." This year our target has been former members who have dropped out. The barrage we put over on them has already more than paid for itself, and still they come wandering in.

In quite a different field—one in which we can take less credit to ourselves—the expansion of the past year has been even more noteworthy. I refer to the formation of new chapters. At the convention of last year, the charters of nine chapters were revoked, due to the non-payment of the per capita tax. Compare with that, the following record:

On January 24, the Lieutenant Charles H. Evans Chapter of Marblehead, Massachusetts, was constituted.

On February 4, the YD Club of Washington, D. C., received a charter, and today has approximately seventy members.

The YD Club of Bangor, Maine, has been granted a charter.

And word has been received from Los Angeles, California, that a bunch of Yanks out there on the Pacific Coast is going to call for a sheepskin soon.

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I think in answering the first question: "How do we seek to attain our object?" I have answered the second as well: "What degree of success do we achieve?"

But one point remains to be considered. What are the prospects for the future? I have not the answer. It is locked in the breasts of you men. I feel that I can say, without any spirit of boastfulness, that we who have comprised the organization the past year have given more to the YD than we could afford, in time and work. We have done all in our power. Go you now, after the closing of this convention, and spread the word. Back up your faith and pride with a little good hard missionary work.

All omens are favorable; unbounded prosperity is hovering over us looking for a place to alight. Clear a spot for her. Ask those who hesitate if a few dollars a year mean more to them than the comradeship of men with whom they rubbed elbows in the most stirring hours of their lives.

Men band themselves together for divers reasons, some paltry, some glorious. Who, of all this race of men, have bonds half so enduring, friendship half so real, or a common ground of understanding half so broad as we? Have we not sung the same songs, drunk the same wine, felt the same moments of terror and exultation, trudged the same weary miles, looked out on the same eery flaring skies or peaceful fields of wheat and poppies, and sat around the same smoky stoves cursing the same old army? Is all this nothing now?

The Y.D.V.A. offers the only habitation where these memories still live. Let not the YD spirit perish from the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP N. SANBORN.

"THE SERGEANT-MAJOR"

The new president of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, RALPH M. EASTMAN (2d Battalion, 101st Engrs.), already has his share of publicity in this month's issue,—enough even for one holding his high office.

First of all,—you'll find his name on the front page right up at the "masthead." Then, there he is again in a solo entitled "Guilty on All Counts." Once more, under "Direct Action," you'll find him.

And, although you may not find his name in "Echoes of E," his initials at the end show he is responsible for them.

Of course, he figures big in "Annual Convention, Y.D.V.A." and once more in "Convention Sidelights."

But, in spite of all that, we've got to say a little more about him.

Ko-Ko, in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," had but little on Ralph.

He is president of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, treasurer of the YD Club of Boston, treasurer of the Trustees of YD Memorial Clubhouse, treasurer of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion, treasurer of the Crosscup-Pishon Post, American Legion, and author of "E Company Echoes."

NOTICES OF FUNCTIONS

A number of non-resident members of the Boston Club report that they often know nothing of Smokers and other events at the Club until they read of them in DOINGS after the events have taken place. This is due to two facts: First, the events are not always planned with reference to the publication date of DOINGS; second, it has been the Club's practice to mail post-card notices only to members in the resident area. The Club assures us, however, that future notices will be sent also to 1st class and 2d class non-resident members, and to any in the 3d class non-resident area who indicate a desire to receive such notices.

PARK SQUARE ARTILLERY

ALBERT H. LAWSON, former regimental sergeant major (102d F. A.), has successfully passed the Massachusetts examinations and is now a full-fledged Certified Public Accountant. He is located at 916 Park Square Building, Boston.

JAMES HEALY (B Batt., 101st F. A.) conducts the haberdashery in the arcade of the Park Square Building.

THE REFERENDUM

Last month we called for a sort of referendum on the proposal to eliminate or curtail personal items in favor of contents of a more solid nature. With several precincts missing, the "No's" seem to have it unanimously. Here are a few of the comments, taken at random:

"Hope you will continue the personal notes; it's the only way we hear from some of the boys."

"DOINGS is going along fine. Leave it as it is."

"I may be a freak, but I read it from cover to cover. Keep the personals."

"Personals should be given the right of way."

"If anything, increase the personals. I read them first, and often skip the heavy-looking articles. I look to other publications for serious stuff."

"I sometimes pass over the personals of other outfits than mine; always read the humorous and serious matter. Don't make too drastic a change,—the paper is a bright light among similar publications."

"Leave the personal touch. I read every word and await its coming. It is a pleasure for me to endorse the editing of YANKEE DOINGS. It suits me."

"I especially enjoyed the article 'Through Old Sectors' —you know serious matter can also be interesting. I read with much interest personal items concerning outfits with which I am close."

"Don't have too much 'dignity.' Present policy suits me."

"In general, I like the paper *as is*, though 'booze' humor gets a little tiresome. I read personal items and everything past or present about 'over there.' Am apt to skip poems and Fuller P. Nard. The 'A. P. O. 709' is always interesting, even though we may not have known the individual. I wish more of the boys would report their whereabouts and doings."

"Do not omit the personals in any event. The field of general veteran material is amply covered in other publications, but news of the Old Sectors is always particularly enjoyable. I read the entire paper, and with much interest."

"It is about right as is. I read it from cover to cover except that I do skip some of the would-be humor."

"I believe that no comrade skips any of our paper."

"In a recent issue I learned that an old buddy was in a certain hospital. Thanks. I wouldn't have known it except for the personals in my prize paper. I think the referendum is a fine idea as a guide in dispensing your stuff, but keep up your good work and no one can have a kick coming."

"There are no other YD's around here (Wisconsin), but I like to keep in touch with the bunch I was with, and I am interested in the YD news."

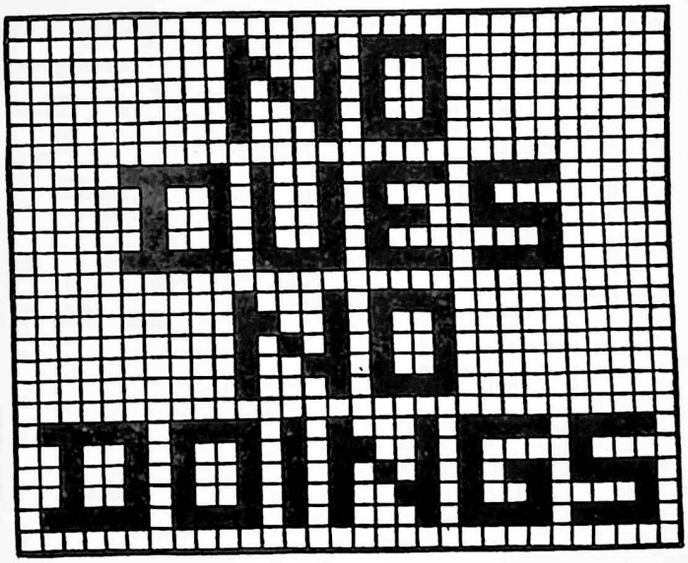
FRENZIED FINANCE

MAURICE A. THOMPSON, Secretary of the YD Club of Brockton, gives added meaning to an old saying. He writes, "Although we have been down we have never been out," and as documentary evidence encloses a bank statement as follows:

	Balance
YD Club of Brockton	.01

In spite of what might be considered slight financial embarrassment, the Brockton Club has already sent in to the Association its per capita tax for another year. And according to Thompson's letter, the epidemic of YD enthusiasm which is making itself evident all over New England is beginning to be felt in Brockton. That balance ought to look different at the end of another year.

ANNUAL PUZZLE, 1925 MODEL



(Solution; Some *Dues*, SOME *Doings*.)

OUR MEMORIAL

Carry on, ye YD men of might,
Of noble deeds, tasks, undismayed;
To honor those with memories bright
Whose valorous acts must never fade.

Let our Memorial Club remain
A monument of the reverence
We feel for those men who were slain;
Who paid the price; who lie in France.

Let not that Yankee spirit die,
Let not the many years ensuing
Dim the torch they held on high
But keep it bright thru "Yankee Doings."

—E. F. T.

A NEIGHBOR

J. R. KRULEE (101st Inf. Band) writes from Boston: "I am one of those who are busy day and night, and don't get a chance to get to the Club more than once or twice a year. To my mind the best and most interesting feature of DOINGS is the 'personal stuff.' There are enough libraries and bookstores where technical subjects can be read without spoiling a nice clubby paper with a lot of uninteresting 'junk.' I enjoy every line, and after reading it feel as though I had had an evening at the Club. The only way I think the paper can be improved is by more fellows sending in 'dope'."

THE CROSS-WORDS

G. M. MOREL, writing from New York City, says: "Keep up the good work and don't let anyone change the style. Too bad you ran out of cross-word puzzles, but *c'est la guerre.*"

(But we didn't run out of them. Why didn't you speak earlier?—ED.)

SATURDAY NIGHT PARTIES

CLYDE H. NORTON writes from Haverhill, Mass.: "I like the news items about the different fellows. The paper would be better if there were still more, but I realize that they must be sent in to be printed. The other veteran organs can cover general matters, so let's keep DOINGS a family paper.

"From the standpoint of one who lives out of the city, more functions at the Club on Saturday nights would be welcome. I am apt to come to Boston on a Saturday on business, after which I drop into a show or go home early."

FULLER'S FOREBEARS

One of our readers who is in the architectural profession writes in to record that he has just purchased a book by a certain A. DiNardo. He wishes to know if this was Fuller's family name in the days when his ancestors abode in Sunny Italy.

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ON TO PITTSFIELD!

The coming of Spring carries with it the call of "Apremont Day" to veterans of the 104th Infantry. This year the date is Saturday, April 25, with company reunions the night before. The rendezvous is Pittsfield, in the extreme west of the State. The successive reunions of the regiment have been growing like a snowball rolling down hill, so distance will prove no barrier.

The Pittsfield Unit has been working hard, and a grand and glorious reunion is assured. The committee invites all comrades to bring a few pals from other YD outfits. As they used to say on the latrine digging detail, "The more the merrier."

Members should get in touch with their local Units to secure proper accommodations. Hotel and company banquet reservations can be made by communicating with LINDSAY BROWN, 15 Union St., Pittsfield.

WORCESTER UNIT, 104th

The old C Company contingent is musically inclined. PERCY ELLIS is playing around New England with the White Fleet Orchestra. ED NOYES is with Paul Sprecht's Orchestra at the Claridge Cafe, Philadelphia. JAMES YESS has only recently quit orchestra activity and is located in Worcester.

RAYMOND WAYLAND has completed a three-year hitch in the Army, including duty at Fort Wright, Fort Sherman, and Canal Zone, and is living in Ludlow.

WALTER HASTINGS (C Co.) has just undergone an operation.

The Worcester Light Infantry met March 24th to plan for the company's 122d anniversary. Plans for the Apremont Day reunion were also discussed. C Company will have a "night before" dinner. Companies A and H will probably do likewise. —G. H. T.

GREATER BOSTON UNIT, 104th

The Boston Unit monthly Smokers continue to grow in attendance and enthusiasm. Ninety attended that of March 19th, at which the battle of Apremont was re-fought to the satisfaction of all. Major CRAWFORD J. FERGUSON, Gen. ALFRED F. FOOTE and Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE provided the formal talks and general discussion followed.

The next Smoker will be on Thursday, April 16. In addition to the scheduled review of the Chateau Thierry engagement, final preparations for the Pittsfield reunion will be made. Practically everyone present at the March meeting signified intention of attending this year's convention in the Berkshire sector.

The first annual social and dance of the Unit will take place at the YD Club of Boston, Tuesday evening, April 21. Tickets are fifty cents, and may be obtained from the committee.

GENERAL FOOTE, chairman of the Mural Painting Commission, reports that the Commission has been unsuccessful in its efforts to induce John Singer Sargent, artist of international eminence, to paint the picture. Accordingly competitive sketches, for which prizes will be offered, will be invited from artists of recognized ability. The contestants will be allowed the summer for preparing their sketches and in the fall the entries will be placed upon public exhibition, probably in the State House. With the advice of the State Art Commission, the winner will then be selected and commissioned to execute the mural.

Members of the Machine Gun Company intending to go to the Pittsfield reunion are requested to communicate at once with ANDREW SHEA or JAMES ARMESON at Springfield, or with WALLACE C. DAY at the State House, Boston.

EDDIE HOLMES reports running across CHUBB WESTON (M. G. Co.) recently. The latter would like to hear from some of the gang, and can be reached at Stoughton, Mass.

The Infantry-Artillery committee on an Apremont history is meeting regularly and assembling much valuable data. On the Washington end, COLONEL CHEATHAM is contributing much research work. GENERAL COLE is authority for the statement that the Colonel is arranging his plans so as to be at Pittsfield on the 25th.

Comrade WILLIAM E. WEYLAND has the right idea. On the reverse of his business card he prints the year's program of 104th events. He is assistant manager of the Afsons Shoe Store, Scollay Square, Boston.

C. C.'S OF BATTERY C (101st F.A.)

Somehow or other a wrong list of officers of the Association was given to DOINGS last month. Must have been compiled too soon after the reunion. The correct list is as follows: *President*, GEORGE A. PARKER; *vice-president*, R. G. TUFTS; *secretary*, WALTER ROTTMAN, and *treasurer*, "GENE" STOVER. *Executive Committee:* ED FERGUSON, RED GOULD, REX MORGAN, DOUG RANDLETT, and the Petit Corporal.

Does anyone know where the following men can be found: JOE HODGEKINS, CHARLIE DEVOE and JOHN MACCORISON?

Congratulations are now in order for ED O'CALLAHAN and JACK MULLINS. Both have boys.

ED FERGUSON and the Petit Corporal both won prizes in the YD bowling league this year and Fergy was honored by being made treasurer and secretary of the league. Guess the Battery ought to get some money now.

If you want to know where so-and-so is, drop a line to WALTER ROTTMAN, 273 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester, Mass.

This year C Battery *must be* well represented in the YD Club, so send in your dues. Keep up the old Battery spirit. —A. J. L.

TAPS

ROBERT A. TAYLOR, formerly of Co. G, 104th Infantry, died on March 12 at the home of his mother in East Liverpool, Ohio. Death followed a long illness developing from gas poisoning contracted at Chateau Thierry.

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ENGINEER ENTRIES

DOINGS OF "D"

Come across with news. PLATT SPENCER wins the box of cigars this month. Remember, a box of cigars or box of candy to the person who sends in the most news items each month to Edward F. Walker, 10 State St., Boston.

J. W. SULLIVAN is with the First National Picture Co., and at present is at Tremont Temple where the "Lost World" is running.

KEN FINNEY now has charge of the Maine territory for Hallett & Davis. Wonder how he likes the Maine girls.

HARRY SPENCER has been made New England manager of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company and ELLIS HARLOW is covering Maine and Northern Massachusetts for them.

There is a very strong rumor around that DICK HARRISON has gone and got himself engaged to one of the pretty nurses in the Forest Hills hospital.

We understand that JOHNNY RINES is manager of a chain store in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

DON EMERSON is making a great hit in the accident insurance business. Better drop him a line to call and see you. His address is Room 619, Tremont Building, Boston.

—E. F. W.

CAPERS OF "C"

C Company didn't break into print in the last two issues, principally because when a C man has a bit of news he keeps it strictly unto himself. Send or telephone whatever dope you have to C. W. HARRIS, 44 State St., Boston (Main 8600).

C Company held a smoker in the YD Club on January 24. Some eighty men were present and they are now howling for another. The entire governing committee was reelected; the third Saturday in January was decided on for the annual meeting, and it was voted to make the fiscal year from January 1. We plan three meetings a year,—the annual in January, with the Regiment in April, and a field meeting in Southern Maine early in the fall.

About 347 men and officers served with C from the time we sailed on the *Andania* until the return to Devens. Today they are distributed as follows: Deceased, 17; "dead" material, 64; unknown, 30; mailing list, 236; total, 347.

Mailing list: Boston or vicinity, 108; Biddeford-Saco, 10; Portland, 16; Lewiston-Auburn, 18; rest of Maine, 15; rest of New England, 38; outside of New England, 31; total, 236.

The following letter was received from PIERCE, 429 Land Title Building, Philadelphia:

"Received Wilcox's notice of the C Smoker. I'd like like the devil to be there and see the old gang again. Philadelphia is a long way from Beantown though, and I'll not be able to make it.—Mother Pierce."

(No. 4 Rear Rank, No. 2 Squad, No. 184904 Dog Tag.)

Another: "I cannot be present at the Smoker. Saturday night is a poor night for me for two reasons,—First is that I'm married, and second, that's the night I bathe.—WALTER F. LIVERMORE."

Cards were received from SLOAN, LYNDELL (from Hollywood), WAT CASWELL, GARLAND LUFKIN, JIM HOWE, UNDERWOOD (now back at Saco), RUSS CHASE and BIGELOW.

COOK CORNELL is in the United States Veterans' Hospital at Castle Point, N. Y. Drop him a line and cheer him up.

Yes, even TOM BARBRICK has come to life. He is married, lives on Osseola St., Hyde Park, and works for the Metropolitan Life.

Word has been received from his widow that W. J. GUSCOTT, whom some of you will remember as a replacement at Bernecourt, passed on December 23, 1924, in California.

J. ROBERT FLEMING, Phoenix, Arizona, qualifies for this column with a commendable "caper of C." It's a boy,—J. Robert, Jr.

—C. W. H.

ECHOES OF "E"

One of our constant readers brought in an ad cut from a Boston paper announcing a special dinner of "Rabbit Stew—Hunter Style." Undoubtedly, with a little persuasion, the chef could be induced to try a stew "Andania Style." If any of you wish us to line up a rabbit stew party, just let us know.

Does anyone remember whether JIM CICCOLO was ever sick, or complained of the effects of gas, while we were together? Any information along this line would be much appreciated by his family. Just let us know and we'll pass the word along.

WALTER RIPLEY comes to bat with the announcement of a baby girl for enlistment in the Daughters of "E" Co.

This is the season for hearing, "When do we get together again?" Around the last of May, as near to our birthday—the 28th—as possible. Keep that in mind.

HAROLD BROWNSON was recently installed as Finance Officer of the Brighton-Allston Post of the Legion, we note in the papers. They had quite a big evening, we understand. Don't appear out in any new clothes, Brownie, or there'll be a scandal.

KARL JACKSON won a cross-word puzzle prize given by the *Boston Traveler*. There's more than one way of making money, you see.

HANK DROWN's new P. C. on the firing line is Care of C. B. Roberts Engineering Co., 25 Broadway, New York City. His rest area will be announced later.

POP FOLEY writes about golfing around under a hot sun down in Norfolk while we're shivering in the wintry weather up here. He rather gives the razz to this part of the country, "where beans are beans and a man's a man whether he eats them or not"—to use his own expression.

ANDY GHIRARDELLI writes in that he has deserted the Army (we thought he was in the Post Office Department in 1917-8-9) and wrapped himself around a membership in the South Boston Yacht Club.

The Company is continuing its custom of sending flowers to the mothers of the boys we lost in France on the respective anniversaries.

The crew billeted at Madame Garnier's in Rolampont—mostly "sargints" and such—will be interested to know that a letter full of reminiscences (that's a 25-cent word and, much to our surprise the dictionary confirms our spelling of it) has been received from little Andre. —R. M. E.

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LOUIS CRAFTS has been away all winter but is now back here again living in Dorchester at 25 Clayton Street.

"TED" WILSON is still living in Hyde Park, but has moved to 24 Wachusett Street.

"Somewhere on the Cape" one of the prohibition officers is no other than our own "BUDDY" KIMBALL!

As the old saying goes, "Better late than never!" It has just come to my attention that the second son, Richard L. McBride, arrived on August 14, 1924, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. WM. (BILL) MCBRIDE. For the past three months, Bill has been doing telephone work in Manchester, N. H.

Early last fall—I believe in September—NEIL T. RAKESTRAW of Friend, Nebraska, was suddenly killed by electrocution while working on a roof for the telephone company.

Wednesday, April 29, the most important date of the season. Why? Because it is the date on which the Signal Corps Banquet is to be held. It is also the anniversary of the day we were discharged. The banquet is to be at 8 o'clock at Hotel Hemenway, corner of Westland Avenue and Hemenway Street. I can assure you that it is to be a mighty good time, for the committee has arranged for "*beaucoup* feed" and an unusually good entertainment, with dancing afterwards. The price of $2.00 each includes everything from soup to dancing. You know, this is a real family reunion, so bring along any or all members; or if you have no family, bring along your sweetheart.

—G. W. T.

103d INFANTRY NOTES

DAVID GOLDBERG (Co. G) is inspector of immigration for the U. S. Government at Yarmouth, N. S. He is studying for Foreign Service and trying to make the grade of Vice-Consul. Those who remember Dave as the gritty little runner for the 2d battalion, would hardly recognize him now with his 190 lbs.

Gen. "AL" GREENLAW, formerly of 103d Supply, later of Divisional Headquarters., has been named as a member of the committee on transportation for the Legionaires Convention in France. The General once—according to story— secured transportation for the 103d at the expense of the 1st Division.

WALTER SPIER (Co. I) is connected with the Bureau of Immigration at Yarmouth, N. S.

Send all 103d Infantry notes, names and addresses to E.K. Hale, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

—E. K. H.

BATTERY "A" 101st F. A.

The following men are now doing time in the Massachusetts National Guard at Commonwealth Armory: MARTIN JOYCE and DINNIE RODLIFF, Combat Train; BUNNIE WELCH, Service Battery; HANK O'DAY, Ammunition Train; TED STORER, HENRY DERBY, BILL MYERS, JACK HART, and WHITELAW WRIGHT.

—B. J.

CONGRATULATIONS

FRANK KURRISS (B Co. 101st. Engrs.) announces the arrival of the youngest YD recruit, an 8-pound boy.

A.W.O.L. NIGHT AT THE POPS

The American Women's Overseas League of New England is to run an Overseas Night at the Pops, Symphony Hall, Boston, on the 6th of May. With the spirit "get together" and a song leader for the war songs in the intermissions, it ought to be a thrilling evening.

The League wants to dispose of all the seats on the floor at $1.50 each, to add to the necessary fund to carry on their worthwhile work among the veterans and their families; and Miss Rosanna D. Thorndike, 337 Beacon St., Boston, will see that any party you make up will be happily grouped.

102d MACHINE GUN BATTALION REUNION

The third annual get-together and business meeting of the 102d Machine Gun Battalion will be held at the American House, Hanover Street, Boston, on Saturday evening, April 18, 1925. A banquet will be served in the "mess hall" at 6.30,—the *combien* being three dollars ($3.00) American money. Figure that out and see how many francs it would take.

BROCKTON CLUB ELECTS

Following are the officers of the YD Club of Brockton for the coming year: *president*, EARL S. WHITE; *vice-president*, WILLIAM L. HALLETT; *secretary*, ARTEMAS L. LATHAM; *treasurer*, MAURICE A. THOMPSON; *trustees*, H. T. LAWSON, WALTER KENYON and ROY NEWCOMB.

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